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The 126th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, ME

Dear Honorable Members of the 126th Legislature:

As I indicated last week to the Legislature, the reason behind my veto of LD 1559, "An Act to Reduce Energy Costs, Increase Energy Efficiency, Promote Electric System Reliability and Protect the Environment" was the failure to include a provision that allows the University of Maine to compete for offshore wind development. I had a discussion with chairs regarding this provision and we came to an agreement that I would allow the bill to become law without my signature if this provision was included. Regrettably, this provision ultimately failed to be adopted and I returned LD 1559 unsigned and vetoed.

As you know LD 1472, "An Act To Provide for Economic Development with Offshore Wind Power" passed the Legislature that would accomplish what the chairs and I agreed upon – allowing an equal playing field for our University to compete for offshore wind development. Effectively, this provision has been addressed and as a result the enactment of LD 1559 should proceed into law.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Paul R. LePage
Governor



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